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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4443.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tina Westby Jonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Jerald S. Paul, of Florida, to be Principal Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held a hearing to examine telecommunications policy, focusing on lessons learned from the Telecommunications Act of 1996, including opening the telephone exchange market to competition, after receiving testimony from David Dorman, AT&T Corporation, Bedminster, New Jersey; Richard C. Notebaert, Qwest Communications, Denver, Colorado; and James Geiger, Cbeyond Communications, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Association for Local Telecommunications Services.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space held a hearing to examine International Space Exploration Program, focusing on competition and cooperation in the space exploration arena globally, receiving testimony from Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Sven Grahn, Swedish Space Corporation, Solna, Sweden; John M. Logsdon, George Washington University Elliot School of International Affairs, Washington, D.C.;

and James Oberg, Soaring Hawk Productions, Dickinson, Texas.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

ELECTRICITY GENERATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine sustainable, low emission, electricity generation, focusing on clean coal, wind, geothermal, and solar energy technologies, biomass, and nuclear waste management, after receiving testimony from David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Richard E. Smalley, Rice University, Houston, Texas; Ernest J. Moniz, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Laboratory for Energy and the Environment, Cambridge; Francis P. Burke, CONSOL Energy, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Mining Association.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1064, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, S. 1092, to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America's veterans, S. 1748, to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States, S. 2046, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, S. 2052, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, and S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Hutchison; Paul Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; J. Mark Robinson, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Kathy Copeland, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach; Brian Rooney, Remembering Veterans Who Earned Their Stripes, Northridge, California; Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.; Randall M. Overbey, Alcoa, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee; Faye Phillips, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; John L. Nau III, Texas Historical Commission, Houston, Texas on behalf of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND PHARMACEUTICALS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade and Subcommittee on Health Care held a joint hearing to examine international trade and

pharmaceuticals, focusing on name-brand prescription drug prices, trade initiatives that promote innovation and ensure access to lifesaving medicines, importation of prescription drugs, drug counterfeiting, the Medicare Importation Study and Task Force, and making greater use of generics, receiving testimony from Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Josette Sheeran Shiner, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; William K. Hubbard, Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning, Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; John E. Calfee, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Gerard Anderson, Johns Hopkins University School of Bloomberg of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland.

Hearings recessed subject to the call of the chair.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Iraq, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Brett M.

Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INDEPENDENT AGING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges relating to assistive technologies for independent aging, focusing on how to accelerate and amplify the development of these technologies crucial to the nation's future security and economic well-being, after receiving testimony from Eric Dishman, Intel Corporation, Hillsboro, Oregon, on behalf of the Center for Aging Services Technologies; Martha E. Pollack, University of Michigan Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Ann Arbor; Lydia Lundberg, Elite Care-Oatfield Estates, Milwaukie, Oregon; Joseph F. Coughlin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Age Lab & New England University Transportation Center, Cambridge; Stephen McConnell, Alzheimer's Association, Washington, D.C.; and Ronald Seiler, University of Idaho Center on Disabilities and Human Development, Moscow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4218–4224; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 607, were introduced. **Pages H2405–06**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2406–07**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 607, providing for consideration of H.R. 4181, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the increased standard deduction, and the 15-percent individual income tax rate bracket expansion, for married taxpayers filing joint returns (H. Rept. 108–470);

H. Res. 516, a resolution supporting the goals of National Manufacturing Week, congratulating manufacturers and their employees for their contributions to growth and innovation, and recognizing the challenges facing the manufacturing sector, amended (H. Rept. 108–471); and

H.R. 3866, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide increased penalties for anabolic ster-

oid offenses near sports facilities, amended (H. Rept. 108–461 Pt. 2);

H.R. 1914. A bill to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement (H. Rept. 108–472 Pt. 1);

H.R. 2768. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall (H. Rept. 108–473 Pt. 1);

H.R. 3277. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center (H. Rept. 108–474 Pt. 1); and

H.R. 2179. A bill to enhance the authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate, punish, and deter securities laws violations, and to improve its ability to return funds to defrauded investors, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 108–475 Pt. 1).

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